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## FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly To Speak At ACA #Summit24

**PITTSBURGH, February 7, 2017** -- Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, a member of the FCC’s new Republican majority, will address ACA members on March 29 at their 24th annual policy summit in Washington, D.C.

“ACA is thrilled Commissioner O’Rielly will join us at Summit24. ACA members are eager to hear from this legal and public policy expert about the FCC’s new agenda and how he plans to translate his ideas into action,” ACA President and CEO Matthew M. Polka said.

Polka added that ACA has appreciated its interaction with Commissioner O’Rielly on a range of matters, including on the ways to limit regulation of broadband service providers, cable set-top boxes, and the provision of business data services and how to reduce regulatory burdens on smaller entities.

Active on social media, Commissioner O’Rielly posts to Twitter as [@mikeofcc](https://twitter.com/mikeofcc). Commissioner O’Rielly’s FCC homepage can be found [here](#).

Commissioner O’Rielly was nominated for a seat on the FCC by President Barack Obama on Aug. 1, 2013, and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on Oct. 29, 2013. He was sworn into office on Nov. 4, 2013. On January 29, 2015, he was sworn into office for a new term, following his re-nomination by the President and confirmation by the United States Senate.

Prior to joining the agency Commissioner O’Rielly served as a Policy Advisor in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip, led by U.S. Senator John Cornyn, since January 2013. He worked in the Republican Whip’s Office since 2010, as an Advisor from 2010 to 2012 and Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director from 2012 to 2013 for U.S. Senator Jon Kyl.

He previously worked for the Republican Policy Committee in the U.S. Senate as a Policy Analyst for Banking, Technology, Transportation, Trade, and Commerce issues from 2009 to 2010. Prior to this, Commissioner O’Rielly worked in the Office of U.S. Senator John Sununu, as Legislative Director from 2007 to 2009, and Senior Legislative Assistant from 2003 to 2007. Before his tenure as a Senate staffer, he served as a Professional Staff Member on the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the United States House of Representatives from 1998 to 2003, and Telecommunications Policy Analyst from 1995 to 1998.

He began his career as a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Tom Bliley from 1994 to 1995.

The ACA Summit is a special event where small and mid-sized cable operators serving hometown America connect with the leading lawmakers and regulators as well as media representatives on the communications policy beat in Washington, D.C. This year’s summit coincides with the start of a new

Congress and a new President in the White House focused on passing legislation designed to reduce regulatory burdens on communications providers and other businesses.

The ACA Summit website includes event details and secure online registration. Please visit the ACA Summit 2017 website by clicking here: [ACA Summit](#). The event will take place at the Grand Hyatt, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. This year's Summit is ACA's 24<sup>th</sup> annual "fly-in" to Washington with its members and, as such, will use the hashtag #Summit24 for all social media about the event.

ACA's more than 750 independent cable operators play a unique role in providing best-in-class communications services to millions of consumers, many living and working in rural areas of the country. Created in the early 1990s, the ACA Summit gives independent cable operators a vehicle for framing the diverse and complex issues in their own words during dozens of meetings on Capitol Hill and with regulators at the FCC.

**About the American Cable Association:** Based in Pittsburgh, the American Cable Association is a trade organization representing nearly 750 smaller and medium-sized, independent cable companies who provide broadband services for nearly 7 million cable subscribers primarily located in rural and smaller suburban markets across America. Through active participation in the regulatory and legislative process in Washington, D.C., ACA's members work together to advance the interests of their customers and ensure the future competitiveness and viability of their business. For more information, visit <http://www.americancable.org/>